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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

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A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING A DATABASE

Title of Invention

APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. Specification (total pages 14) including:
 - a. 2 pages of claims (13 claims)
 - b. 1 page Abstract
2. 5 sheets of informal formal drawings (Figs. 1-3)
3. Oath or declaration of Applicant (total pages)
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 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))

(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4. Deletion of Inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. Incorporation By Reference

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

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7. An assignment of the invention to _____ (cover sheet & document(s))
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10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449Copies of IDS Citations11. A Preliminary Amendment12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)13. A small entity statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27Statement filed in prior application, status still proper and desired14. If a Continuing Application, check the appropriate box and supply the requisite information: Continuation of prior application No.: _____ filed _____ Divisional of prior application No.: _____ filed _____ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____ filed _____15. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a ____ continuation
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